

ONLY A GOOD BRIDGE PLAYER, SAYS MRS. CULLEN

Wife of Contractor, in Separation Suit Denies Undue Affection for Him.

The resumption of the separation suit brought by Mrs. Katherine W. Cullen of No. 460 Riverside Drive against James H. Cullen, a contractor of No. 44 West 77th Street, was held to-day before Judge Bijur. When Mrs. Cullen testified a few weeks ago at an inquest before Justice McCook, her husband tried to defend the action, asking for more time. Justice McCook refused a further adjournment. Later Mr. Van Wyck, Cullen's counsel, opened the default and to-day Cullen was present. He, too, is seeking a separation from his wife.

Mrs. Cullen said her husband, in June, 1919, proposed she obtain a separation from him, and if she would accept a divorce he would make it easy for her.

During cross-examination it was brought out that Cullen and his wife often had quarrels over her relatives visiting her for long periods of time.

On one occasion, Mrs. Cullen admitted, Cullen ordered her mother and two sisters, who are socially prominent in Schenectady, from the premises. They remained, however, over his protests.

"My folks never lived in my apartment," Mrs. Cullen declared, "they merely visited me in the winter and I returned their visits in the summer. Mrs. Cullen, a very nervous little woman, in a blue tailored made costume and wearing tortoise shell glasses, went into a detailed account of her actions during the time she and her husband had separated. The name of one Ole Boskelle, a Norwegian, was brought into the case. He had been in this country only a short time and had become acquainted with the witness, who testified that she was lonely and the Ole was a good bridge player.

She denied categorically, upon cross-examination, that she had had anything but a platonic feeling toward Ole, despite Mr. Van Wyck's efforts to have her admit she lollied on the beach at Sea Gate with Boskelle. She also contemptuously laughed off Judge Van Wyck's question that she had stolen Ole from another woman.

"Do you recollect your kicking a light hanging from the ceiling?" asked Mr. Van Wyck.

"I do not think I did."

"Will you say you did not?"

"I know I did not do such a thing."

She said she met Boskelle in the fall of 1919 and also testified Boskelle had written her several letters and that she replied to some of them.

All these letters, Mrs. Cullen said, were destroyed by her.

She said Boskelle "was a bright young fellow; I had no place to go; nobody to go to; no husband." She said she took this means of making company for herself in the absence of her husband.

"Do you think that was right?"

"I did not think I was doing anything wrong. I always took the nurse and two children with me and my mother."

MOPS UP THE EVIDENCE.

Bottle Drops and Porter Gets on the Job—He Disappears.

Cautiously picking his way through the crowd in the corridor of the Criminal Court Building after leaving Judge McIntyre's court room, where sixteen indictments had just been handed down for violation of the State Excise law, a detective finally made his way to an open space—where he slipped and fell, a quart bottle of liquor which he had taken as evidence smashing to bits.

The only person who witnessed the catastrophe was a porter who rushed back with him a new mop, which he wielded with a deftness of stroke never before seen in the building.

According to newspaper reporters who were quickly on the scene the porter has not been seen since.

M. J. BALLIN DIES A SUICIDE.

World Industrial Leader Succumbs to Self-Inflicted Wound.

COPENHAGEN, April 11.—M. J. Ballin, one of the foremost figures in Danish industry, died early to-day as a result of a self-inflicted bullet wound.

Ballin, who was a native of Germany, was very proud of his industrial concern of Ballin's, of which he was the leading spirit, and was reputed to have spent his private fortune in a vain attempt to prevent the decline of the stock of the company, which was quoted at 60 to-day against 120 in 1918.

In consequence of his German sympathies, Ballin was prominently named on the Allied "black list" during the war.

LANDIS SENTENCES BOY.

One Gives Year to Bank Thief After Criticism for Leniency.

CHICAGO, April 11.—Francis J. Carey, the nineteen-year-old bank cashier of Ottawa, Ill., whose theft of \$26,000 last November was followed by criticism of Judge Landis, when the latter permitted the youthful culprit to return home pending sentence, was today sentenced by Judge Landis to serve one year in the National Training School for boys at Washington, D. C.

Bank of Cuba Closed.

The State Banking Department today closed the Bank of Cuba in New York City. The bank is a State institution but is under the same ownership as the National Bank of Cuba, which was closed Saturday in Havana.

"MYSTERY BRIDE" HOME TO-NIGHT WITH HER PARENTS



Mrs. GEORGE F. VACKARS

Mrs. Dorothy Vackars Being Brought From Atlanta by Father and Mother.

Mrs. Dorothy Keahon Vackars, the "bride of mystery," is expected to return to-night in the custody of her parents to their home at No. 133 West 167th Street.

According to dispatches from the Atlanta, Mrs. Vackars, who as a bride of three days, disappeared from New York, gave the police a little diversion from routine business, but left them little the wiser for her visit.

The Atlanta police received instructions Thursday to arrest her when she called at any of the telephone offices and hold her as a fugitive from her parents.

The young woman, powdered and dressed in the latest fashions, appeared at one of the offices Friday to send home a message and was promptly arrested and her parents notified.

Saturday the parents arrived, took possession of her and departed.

It is said that she registered at police stations under three names—Brown, Keahon and Vackars. The police did not know that she was married.

The police remember this much, that she had many clothes. There were suitcases and hat boxes and whatnots.

Wall St. Gossip

Statements of earnings of the Central Leather Company and the American Hide & Leather Company for the first quarter of the year will be made public within the next three weeks.

Both are expected to show commensurate deficits, due largely to the necessity of writing down the value of inventories. The question of whether Central Leather will continue the payment of 7 per cent. dividends on the preferred stock is believed to depend largely on the size of the deficit.

The quarterly statement is expected to show. If the action of the stock can be accepted as an accurate indication of the directors' decision the dividend will be reduced and possibly omitted. Last week the preferred sold at 68 1/2. The low price for the last fifteen years or more is 68. Aside from the question of poor earnings, it is reported from Boston that banks are raising the currency to reduce its floating debt, and the necessity of reducing the floating debt will undoubtedly play an important part in determining dividend policy.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon today offered for subscription through Federal Reserve Banks a new issue of Treasury certificates, amounting to \$100,000,000, which carry a 5-1/2 per cent. interest rate. The certificates are dated April 15 and mature Oct. 15. A heavy oversubscription is anticipated.

The efforts of the recently formed Cuban Sugar Commission to fix the price of raw sugar with a seeming disregard of supply and demand conditions are not meeting with pronounced success. The commission recently fixed a price of 6 1/4 cents a pound, including cost and freight, but Porto Rican and other producers have consistently undersold the Cuban Commission and to-day Cuban sugars were obtainable at 4 1/2 cents. The Federal Sugar Refining Company, which has just reduced the price of refined sugar from 8 cents a pound to 7 1/4 cents, reports that there is a possibility that the commission will be disbanded.

E. L. Doheny, President of the Mexican Petroleum Company, returned to the local offices of the company to-day after an absence of several weeks, during which time he examined the Mexican properties of the company.

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LAST OF BOLIVAR MISSION ARRIVES

Members Land After Delay Due to Watchman Who "Never Heard of Whalen."

The remaining members of the commission to represent the Republic of Venezuela at the unveiling of the statue of Simon Bolivar in Central Park on April 19, at which President Harding will be present, arrived to-day on the United Fruit liner Tolosa. They are Dr. Eatebon Gill-Borces, Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Relations; Hon. Felipe Frana, Dr. Jose Santiago Rodriguez, J. M. Herrera Mendoza, Col. Antonio Martinez Sanchez and Alberto Adriani.

Commissioner of Plant and Structures Grover Whalen, representing Mayor Hylan met the delegation down the bay, and offered the greetings of the city. At the pier the delegation was met by Dr. Santos A. Domini, Venezuelan Ambassador to the United States, and Don Manuel Segundo Sanchez and Don Francisco Javier Yanes, members of the commission which arrived a week ago.

At the United Fruit pier Commissioner Whalen left the ship and, assembling the Ambassador and the other visitors, started back on board the party. A watchman stopped the party.

"That's Grover Whalen," a reporter told the watchman. "I never heard of him," the watchman replied.

After a delay Mr. Whalen got his guests on board and then the whole party went to the Waldorf Astoria, which will be the headquarters of the commission during its stay in New York.

B. R. T. INJUNCTION ARGUED.

City Fights Two Fares Over Subsidy Lines.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Worthey appeared to-day before Justice MacCraty in Brooklyn Supreme Court to argue in support of the City's application for an injunction restraining subsidiary companies of the B. R. T. from enacting two fares over their lines. He said the double fare demand was based upon a decision in the Flatbush Avenue lines case, but that in reality the conditions were dissimilar and that the defendants were attempting to read into the decision something not there.

Receiver Garrison interposed a preliminary objection on the grounds that the City's complaint was insufficient to sustain an injunction, and that each of the defendant companies has its own distinct and separate rights under its charter. Decision on the preliminary objection was reserved. The defendant companies are the Nassau Electric Railroad Company, the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company, and the Brooklyn, Queens County and San Juan Railroad Company.

LIMITATIONS.

(From the Washington Star.)

"Coal investigations will come to an end some day."

"Of course," replied the coal scientist, "so will the supply of coal."

"Must Not Overcrowd Its Cars."

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EMMA B. DISBROW WED TO I. W. AUSTIN IN WHITE PLAINS



MRS. IRVING W. AUSTIN.

Sister Is Bride's Only Attendant; Supreme Court Justices at Reception.

The wedding of Miss Emma Burdell Disbrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin B. Disbrow of South Broadway, White Plains, to Irving W. Austin of No. 8 Bank Street, that city, took place yesterday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage. The Rev. Fred H. Deming officiated.

The bride's only attendant was her sister, Miss Ruth G. Disbrow. Edward Schirmer acted as best man.

Among the guests at the reception were Supreme Court Justices Joseph Morschauer and A. H. F. Seeger.

County Judge Haskell sits as surrogate.

County Judge Haskell of Brooklyn sat as a surrogate to hear objections to the filing of a settlement of the accounts of the People's Trust Company as temporary administrator of the estate of Martha Brauer. The estate is said to be worth more than \$1,000,000. One of the objections is to a \$10,000 fee to Wingate and Cullen for legal services. Surrogate Wingate's father is a member of the firm, and that is why the surrogate referred the matter to Judge Haskell. The hearing was adjourned to April 20.

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